

written in his house in London to be delivered to Don Chnstophero de Moro He wrote the letters from Lopez's lips wherein, though obscurely worded, he promised to do all the King required He thinks that the Doctor would have poisoned the Queen had he been required Andrada had said that Lopez was willing to poison both the Queen and Don Antonio and afterwards Lopez said that Don Antonio should die the first illness that befel him

20th February THE ALCHEMIST'S BEQUEST

Mr Robert Smith hath received the Queen's reply to the letter from Roloff Peterson of Lubec and is to repair thither, deliver the letter, receive the glass bodies and bring them to the Queen, also to ascertain "whether the materials therein were considered by Ouldfeld to be brought to full perfection and, if anything be lacking, what it is, also to recover any books or papers of Ouldfeld's relating thereto or others which treat of alchemy, also a secret *menstruum* without which the materials could hardly be brought to perfection All these things are to be brought to the Queen

21st February A PROCLAMATION AGAINST VAGABONDS

A proclamation is published for the suppressing of the multitude of idle vagabonds On certain days in the week, monthly watchers and privy searchers shall be appointed to attach and imprison these idle vagabonds and to send the lamed into their counties according to the statute

In the City of London, and about her Majesty, a great multitude repair, whereof some are men of Ireland that of late years have unnaturally served as rebels against her Majesty's forces beyond the seas, and cannot have any good meaning towards her, as is manifestly proved in some already taken

These men have
secretly come into the realm, by procurement of
the devil and
his ministers, the Queen's enemies, to endanger
her noble person
Such kind of persons are to be directly taken
wheresoever they
be found and proceeded withal as traitors But as
for the pro-
curers and authors thereof, that are known to be
of sundry
conditions, some rebellious subjects, fugitives,
some of the order
of their priesthood yielding dispensation and
shriffs to the
intended mischiefs, some others more able by
reward to hire the